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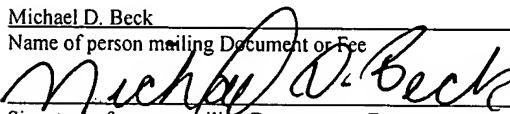


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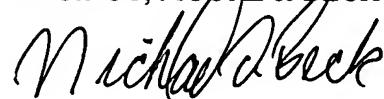
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants hereby disclose the references listed below and identified on the attached PTO Form 1449, copies of the articles have been enclosed, regarding the above-identified patent application.

Articles

1. Garfin, Steven R., Yuan, Hansen A., Reiley, Mark A., "New Technologies in Spine-Kyphoplasty and Vertebroplasty for the Treatment of Painful Osteoporotic Compression Fractures", SPINE, Vol. 26, No. 14, pp. 1511-1514.
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